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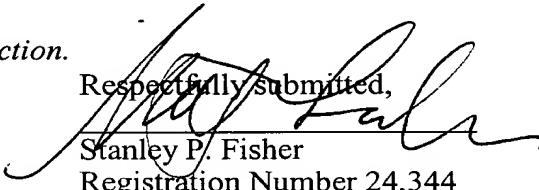
Sir:

Applicants request that the time for taking action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for **one (1) month**. The fee set in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for the extension of time is **\$110.00**.

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